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"They've got a great bunch
of candidates to vote for
this year, son..."



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"...but don't forget
we've got the
Auctionfest next
month, too!"

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The club meets at 7:30 PM on the
second non-holiday Wednesday of every
month except July and August at

The Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill

801 Ridge Pike

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1799

All visitors are welcome!

Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net**.....at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net**at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net**at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

License Examinations

are held on the **first non-holiday Thursday** each month
(except July and August) at

Northeast High School,

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia PA

Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the SPARC
wing. Exams begin and doors closed and locked at **6:30 P.M.**

Sharp! Applicants should call Dusty ND3Q at 215-879-0505
(day) or 215 482 0386 (eve) for the latest information.

Club Stations

W3QV Club Repeater - Trustee: W3BBB

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

Reach us on Echolink through WU3I-L

W3AA at Northeast High School -Trustee: WU3I

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Internet: K3XS

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Net Control: KB3IV

Publicity: W3RM

Program: Club VP

Public Service: KE3QB

Refreshments: W3AOK

Repeater: W3BBB

Skywarn: WX3PHI

Sunshine: N3GLU

Youth: N3MT

TVI: W3VVS

VE Program: ND3Q

W3AA Trustee: WU3I

Welcome: K3CJ.

Directors: KB3IV(06), K3XS(06), N3FH(06), W3BBB(05), N3MT (05), N3XKE (05), WU3I (A)



Annual Elections - December 14th Annual Meeting

It's election time again, time to select the officers and directors to lead Phil-Mont in 2006.

Nominations chairman Ra Heffernan, N3FH, has presented a slate which provides competition for the office of president, and for the three director seats up for election this year.

For those unfamiliar with the election process, see your October Blurb for the current Rules of Election. Voting at the meeting will be by secret ballot. If you cannot attend the annual meeting on December 14th., be sure to cast your vote by absentee ballot. This can be done by mailing your selection for each position to our venerable Judge of Election, Jim Spencer, W3BBB, at his new address, mailed to arrive by December 14.

Or, you can vote by telephone or email to Jim, up to the afternoon of

December 14.

Effective 11-15-05, Judge Spencer's new address and telephone information is as follows:

C.R. Spencer, Jr. - W3BBB
2800 State Road, Apt. 105
Telford, PA
8969-1087

Phone: 215-703-0126

Email: w3bbb@enter.net

Please Vote!

President	N3FH KB3IV W3STW
Vice President	W3AOK
Secretary	N3QV
Treasurer	W3RM
Directors (Vote for three)	W3BBB* N3MT* N3XKE* WU3I WA3KIO NS3K
(*denotes incumbent director seeking reelection)	

FAR Scholarships for 2006-2007 Announced

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to administer fifty-five scholarships for the academic year 2005-2006 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs.

The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds three of these scholarships. Ten are funded with the income from grants. The remaining forty-two (42) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$500 to \$2500 with preference given in some cases to residents of specified geographical areas or the pursuit of certain study programs.

Clubs, especially those in Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin, are encouraged to announce these opportunities at their meetings, in their club newsletters, during training classes, on their nets and on their world wide web home pages.

Additional information and an application form may be requested

by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to April 30, 2005 from:

FAR Scholarships
Post Office Box 831
Riverdale, MD 20738

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an exempt organization under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. It is devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of Amateur Radio and those scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service.

From the candidates...

KB3IV – Ed Masarsky

Hello fellow Phil-Monters. Yes, KB3IV is running for office again..This will be my 25th year seeking to serve our club and it's members. I joined Phil-Mont in 1980, having been a Ham since 1978. I was elected to the office of Treasurer for 1982 and went on to serve as President four times, Treasurer ten times, and Director ten times. My uninterrupted record even surpasses W3BBB, and he's been around since..... well, you know. Phil-Mont has given me many new friends over the years, who are now old friends, and I want to continue to serve all of you. We have a terrific slate of candidates for all of the other positions, and I urge you to come to the December meeting to help elect next year's leaders of Phil-Mont. We need everyone's support to keep Phil-Mont as the premier ham radio organization it is today,

and will be for many years to come

Ra Heffernan For President

To my fellow PMRC members, allow me a moment regarding our upcoming elections. After several months of working to recruit members to run, I decided to take the challenge myself. I petitioned and submitted my name to run for President. Although I have not been a member for as many years as some members, I have a vision for the future of our club that I want to share with you

Serving as a board member this past year allowed me to see the insides of our organization and its operations. Many good things occur, but some need improvement. I see the same small number of faces at meetings, committee's with just one person and a lack of enthusiasm for some things we do. However, more importantly, I see a lack of clear, common goals for our club.

PMRC has a long, wonderful history, deeply steeped in tradition. We need to not only honor those traditions, but, like our founders, build upon them. Our hobby faces a critical juncture. Soon the requirements to become an amateur radio operator will again change. This time, the change is truly a double edged sword. While it will open the door to many new participants and potential members of PRMC, the face of our hobby will certainly evolve. I see this as an opportunity for Phil-Mont. Our members will need to mentor new

amateurs even more than before. Our experience will be needed to keep our hobby strong.

Phil-Mont enjoys a reputation as a leader. If we want to continue the leadership role our founders set, we must venture past our comfort area and offer things other clubs may not. New, exciting technologies are emerging in amateur radio, including digital operations. I want to lead our club to embrace these while we continue strong support of our heritage operations. In the 1950's, mobile operations were not a part of the average amateur's operations. Phil-Mont helped lead amateurs to the extensive repeater networks we see today. I hope we can take the next generation of amateurs into another brave new world; to continue our tradition of leadership and the wonderful fellowship we enjoy. We can do this if our club actively recruits new members, and provides new, interesting programming at a streamlined meeting, attracting both new and old members to keep coming back every month.

If I am elected, I will involve as many of our current members as I can to participate. I plan on doing that by speaking directly with each of you, seeking your ideas and asking for your help and participation. None of us want our club to stagnate and to insure that does not occur, we must become aggressive in programming and recruitment. I believe that our new board should adopt an annual plan of goals for us to achieve during 2006. With your support, I will lead us to

make that happen. I have a vision of Phil-Mont that is bright, exciting, built on our legacy and moving forward.

This election, you must choose between three candidates for President of PMRC. My opponents are also my friends. I respect each for their friendship and for all they do for our group and all they have done for me. Win or loose, after the election I will embrace them in the fellowship our club members are known for. But the question you must answer for this election is which of us has the energy and best vision to move Phil-Mont forward. I believe I do. I also think of each of you as a friend, and I intend to draw on that, involving each of you as much or as little as you can with Phil-Mont in 2006. So I ask for your vote. Please cast a ballot for the person you believe has the best vision to lead our club this year. Whether you attend the meeting or call or email your vote to our Judge of Elections, Jim Spencer W3BBB, I hope you consider my thoughts. Thanks for listening and I'll see you at Phil-Mont soon!

Vote for N3MT

During my term as a member of Phil-Mont's board of directors, I have served on the Youth and DX committees. Additionally, I have been appointed by the board, for the past several years, as assistant treasurer. In that role, I maintain the club's financial records using the Quickbooks computer accounting system. With W3RM, I prepare

monthly reports of income and expenditures for presentation to the board. I am also involved with the financial record keeping for the Phil-Mont Scholarship Fund. Our scholarship program is of special significance to me, in that I was privileged to be the first recipient of Phil-Mont's annual Haring, W3IIM, Memorial Scholarship in 2002, while I was an undergraduate student at Villanova University. With the desire to continue as a director, and as assistant treasurer, I respectfully ask for your vote in the upcoming Phil-Mont election. Thank you for your support. 73,

Michael Taraborrelli, N3MT

Stephen Hoch WU3I

Licensed in February 1978 as KA3AMO I received WU3I in 1991, when I earned my Extra Class License. I have served Phil-Mont as Secretary, Vice President and President before moving to a Board position. I have been active in Club functions for many years. I have been trustee of W3AA since 1994, have been Field Day Chairman for 5 years and still do the antennas and towers and all the cooking. I have been doing antenna work for many years and have probably been on the roof of most of the club members at one time or another. In closing, please make sure you vote.



Membership Stats

At press time P.M.R.C. has:

97 Full paid members
9 Family
1 Youth members
1 Honorary members
0 Pending members

December Birthdays

- 1 Eric Marano - N3QV
- 2 Don Gordon -WB3KOJ
Patricia Katz (XYL N3OWM)
- 6 Susie Lada - N3FTY
- 8 Jules Stein - KB3AFH
- 10 David Spangler - W3DSS
- 12 Ed Titterton - KB3RN
- 19 Larry Stevenson - K3HWE
- 21 Rick Spencer - N3FD
- 23 Roy Newman - KC2FIO
- 24 Marty Weinberg - WP4MSX
- 25 Jim McCloskey - NS3K
- 27 Mindy Pollack (XYL N3VLC)
Jim Spencer - W3BBB
- 28 Betty King (XYL W3PXY)
- 30 Adam Huffnagle - KB3JCP

Directory Change

W3BBB HAS MOVED TO:
2800 State Road Apt 105
Telford, PA 18969-1087
215-703-0126

PMRC Scholarship Fund News

Phil-Mont offers two 2006 scholarships

Your Board of Directors has authorized the grant of two Phil-Mont ham radio scholarships for 2006: the fifth annual "Claude H. Haring, Jr., W3IIM, Memorial Scholarship," and the "2006 Joann Hoch, N3FTC, Memorial Scholarship," each with a cash grant of \$2,000. Both scholarships will be administered for us by the Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc. (FAR), headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Phil-Mont's scholarship program began in 2002, with the award of the first Haring Memorial scholarship to Phil-Monter Michael Taraborrelli, N3MT, then a student at Villanova University. The 2003 Haring grant went to another club member, Eric Marano, N3QV, who was then a senior at Gwynedd Mercy College. In 2004, the scholarship recipient was Pamela Wilson, W1PAM, of Hamilton Square, NJ, who is now a sophomore at Lehigh University. And the 2005 Haring award was granted to another young friend of Phil-Mont, Benjamin (Benji) Jack, N3VYA, of Huntingdon Valley, now an electrical engineering student at Columbia University.

The esteemed FAR Scholarship Committee, without cost to Phil-Mont, handles the complete administration of some 50-60 ham radio scholarships each year, including the program publicity;

solicitation of applicants; screening and verification of applicants' information and references; and the selection of competitive recipients based on the eligibility criteria established by the various clubs and individuals who sponsor the scholarship grants. According to FAR Scholarship Chairperson Diane Zimmerman, AA3OF, there will be 54 scholarships offered for the academic year 2006-07, including Phil-Mont's Haring and Hoch awards.

To compete for Phil-Mont's scholarships, applicants must be licensed radio amateurs residing in either the Eastern Pennsylvania or Southern New Jersey ARRL Sections pursuing a full-time course of studies beyond the high school level. They must be enrolled, or accepted for enrollment by September, 2006, in an accredited university, college, or technical school. Application forms can be obtained from FAR Scholarships, P.O. Box 831, Riverdale, MD 20738, by letter or QSL card request postmarked prior to April 30, 2006. Completed applications must be received at FAR by June 1, 2006, and the awards will be made in late June.

The Phil-Mont Scholarship Fund continuously solicits contributions of cash and/or salable ham radio equipment to fund our scholarship grants each year. Our agreement with FAR requires that we remit our grant money during each



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VE Exam Session Statistics

for November 3, 2006

Two candidates took four elements, and we had two new amateurs. The VE team was chaired by Dusty

Rhoads ND3Q

NS3K Jim McCloskey

W3YLT Bob Freer

WA3BXH Jack Coupe Jr.

N3XKE Gene Dinardi

N3FH Ray Hefferman

January. Inasmuch as the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc., is recognized by the IRS as a "charitable, scientific and educational" entity under Section 501(c)(3) of their regulations, all contributions to Phil-Mont are deductible by donors for federal income and estate tax purposes. In the case of donated radio equipment, the tax value of the donation is the "fair market value" on the date of the gift, as determined by the donor. Phil-Mont issues IRS "tax letter receipts" for cash contributions in excess of \$250, and for all equipment donations.

For additional information, or to make a contribution, contact our treasurer, W3RM, at P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001, or call Dick at 215-659-4488. Information is also available on the club website: www.phil-mont.org.

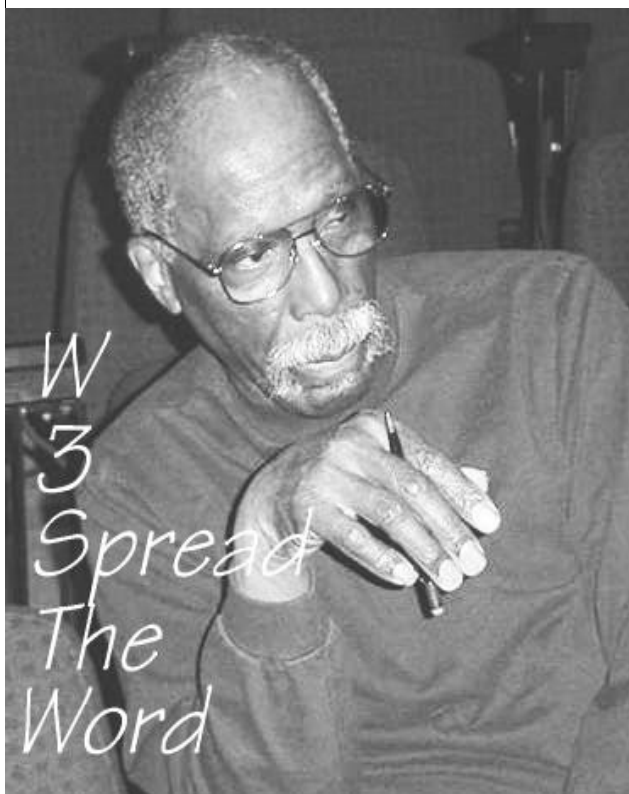


photo: WA3KIO

Spread The Word

--de Al W3STW, PMRC President

Greetings fellow PMRC Members, I have moved. My new address is 22212 Ann's Choice Way Warminster, Pa 18974.

Needless to say I've been very busy with the selling of our home and moving into our new home. Deciding on which of the mine, hers and ours to trash or keep was and still quite a task. As far as ham radio goes I have a 2 meter radio in the car.

The future of HF operation from this campus, for me, hasn't seen the light of day. Right now I'm too busy to play ham radio.

I'm very happy to read the list of candidates for the December '05 PMRC elections; seems there'll some choices to be made. Come out and cast a vote. Last months "Spread The Word" column

mentioned the formation of a committee to lighten the load placed on the Vice President. At the time I wrote that article I was under the impression that it was his job to come up with programs. It was the reason, I thought, so many club members never volunteered for that office. Well it didn't take long for W3RM, Dick, to educate me that the V. P., chairs that task and that it is the input from the general membership that is turned into an actual program. Therefore, I'm no longer seeking to form a committee, instead I'm asking you the membership to come up with your program of interest let the V. P., know about it so that there'll be no timing or needed equipment request conflicts. Help keep the programming alive--look in the mirror for help.

Spread The Word, W3STW.

From the Editor

Well, another year for me as your Blurb editor has come and gone.

There have been some pretty big changes in my life, and my daily schedule bears absolutely no resemblance to what it used to be. I suspect the Blurb is inevitably influenced by my having less free time to work on it. I know my amateur radio operations are less frequent too.

But there's been some positive changes as well—this is the first issue prepared with Open Office Version 2 (for the last five years I've been using Open Office Version 1 and its predecessor Star Office). With it, I can work either on my Linux desktop system—recently upgraded to Ubuntu Linux --or my wireless laptop (which still runs Windows XP)...and the new software is even easier to work with than previous versions. For handling images, my favorite is GIMP...and Ubuntu brought me a version upgrade in that department too.

So time marches on, and we're marching with it. Have wonderful winter holidays, and don't forget to vote!

73 de Maggie K3XS

	<i>December 2005 with PMRC</i>
Thu 01	
Fri 02	
Sat 03	
Sun 04	NCS: N3QV (both)
Mon 05	
Tue 06	
Wed 07	
Thu 08	
Fri 09	
Sat 10	
Sun 11	NCS: 2m: N3OWM HF: WA3KIO
Mon 12	
Tue 13	
Wed 14	
Thu 15	Bill of Rights Day
Fri 16	
Sat 17	
Sun 18	NCS: KB3IV (both)
Mon 19	
Tue 20	
Wed 21	Solstice
Thu 22	
Fri 23	
Sat 24	
Sun 25	Christmas Day NCS: 2m N3FH
Mon 26	Chanukah begins-Christmas(Federal Obs)
Tue 27	
Wed 28	
Thu 29	
Fri 30	
Sat 31	New Year's Eve

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